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9 **BEFORE THE**  
**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2013-322

12 **LISA RACHEL DEGRASSE,**  
13 **a.k.a. LISA RACHEL MENDOZA**  
11949 Cyclops Street  
14 Norwalk, CA 90650

**A C C U S A T I O N**

15 **Registered Nurse License No. 402939**

16 Respondent.

17 Complainant alleges:

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her  
20 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), an  
21 agency within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

22 2. On or about August 31, 1986, the Board issued Registered Nurse License Number  
23 402939 to Lisa Rachel Degrasse, also known as Lisa Rachel Mendoza ("Respondent"). The  
24 Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
25 herein and will expire on October 31, 2013, unless it is renewed.

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1 **DRUG CLASSIFICATIONS**

2 12. Cocaine is classified as a Schedule I controlled substance under Health and Safety  
3 Code section 11054, subdivision (f)(1). It is a Schedule II controlled substance under Health and  
4 Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(6), and is defined as a dangerous drug by Code  
5 section 4022.

6 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

7 **(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)**

8 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 490 and section 2761,  
9 subdivision (f), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, for  
10 conviction of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a  
11 registered nurse.

12 a. On or about January 24, 2012, Respondent pled guilty to and was convicted of one  
13 misdemeanor count of petty theft (Pen. Code, § 484, subd. (a)) in the criminal proceedings  
14 entitled *The People of the State of California v. Lisa Rachel Degrasse, a.k.a. Lisa Rachel*  
15 *Mendoza*. (Super. Ct. Riverside County, 2011, No. SMW1101039.) The Court placed  
16 Respondent on 36 months of summary probation and ordered her to make restitution to the victim  
17 and to pay fines totaling \$160.00.

18 b. The circumstances of the conviction are that on or about January 21, 2011,  
19 Respondent stole a purse and cellular phone from a women playing a slot machine at Pechanga  
20 Casino ("Pechanga"). The stolen items had an estimated value of \$85.00. Pechanga security and  
21 Riverside County Sheriff's Deputies recovered the purse. In the purse, they found three glass  
22 vials with white residue. Respondent admitted she stole the purse and identified the "white stuff"  
23 in the vials as "probably cocaine." She claimed that the vials belonged to her boyfriend and she  
24 permitted the Deputies to search her car. Three glass pipes containing cocaine residue were  
25 discovered in the trunk.

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3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

*Louise R. Bailey*  
LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN  
Executive Officer  
Board of Registered Nursing  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*